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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

the report of a District Co-operative conference held on the 4th and 5th January 1913, in connection wi as organised there on the 3d and 4th January.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

The report is sent ~~late~~ nine months the Conference was actually held.

The Hassan Conference is said to be first District Conference in the State and it is interesting that one of the Resolutions passed viz. no XVII makes the

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Conference an annual function.

3. The immediate result of the Conference is stated to be as follows:—

(i) Increased enthusiasm of the people for Co-operation, resulting in the receipt of applications from 60 villages in the District for the establishment of new Societies therein. 20 Societies are said to have already been formed.

(ii) Formation of a Federal Union at Hassan, for financing, supervising, auditing & inspecting the Societies in the Hassan and Arakalgud Tks & the Alur Sub-Tk. The idea is to have a Union for each Taluk; please see Resolution no. XI

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To The Registrar of Co-operative Societies

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Reverts to the observation that the report has been received nearly 9 months after the event & that such belated reports serve no useful purpose.

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OFFICE OF THE
REGISTRAR OF CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES
IN MYSORE.

Dated Bangalore, 23rd August 1913.

From

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Registrar of Co-operative Societies in My:
B a n g a l o r e.

To

K.R. Srinivasa Iyengar, Esq., M.A;
Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, General & Revenue
Departments, B a n g a l o r e.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit the following report of a District Co-operative Conference held at Hassan on the 4th and 5th January 1913.

2. In connection with a cattle show which had been organized at Hassan on the 3rd and 4th January 1913, I conceived the idea of combining a Conference of Co-operative Societies in the Hassan District. I accordingly wrote to Mr. P.R.W. Wetherall, Deputy Commissioner, to some of the leading co-operators and to all the Co-operative Societies in the Hassan District proposing to them the holding of a Conference at Hassan and asking for their co-operation in the matter. The idea was most enthusiastically received. A Committee was appointed with Mr. S.N. Appanna Iyengar, Assistant Commissioner and Mr. N.D. Naranappa, Honorary Supervisor,

as Honorary Secretaries to make all the necessary arrangements for holding the Conference. This Committee issued circulars, fixed the date for the opening of the Conference and sent out invitations to all the Government servants, the leading lawyers, merchants, ryots, coffee-planters and other private gentlemen in the Hassan District, and attended generally to the details of the work connected with the Conference.

3. The Conference opened at Hassan at 9 A.M. on Saturday the 4th January 1913 in a pendal specially erected for the purpose. One hundred and fifty RR delegates from Societies in the District were present and most of the gentlemen who had been invited by the Committee were also present. The few that were not able to be present sent letters expressing regret at their inability and wishing success to the Conference.

4. The proceedings of the day opened with a Kanarese speech by me requesting Mr. P.R.J. Wetherall Deputy Commissioner, to open the Conference and preside at its deliberations. Mr. Wetherall kindly consented to do so and delivered an instructive and interesting speech. Both these speeches are set out at the end in appendices A and B.

5, A number of papers on important co-operative subjects were next read which dealt exhaustively with various topics of general or local interest. Among those who contributed papers, I should mention the names of Messrs. Sivarama Krishna Iyer, M.A. Tirumalachar S. Venkatasubbaiya, T.Venkataramaniya, Suryanarayana Rao, Nanjundaiya, Mohamad Raza, Narasimhachar, G.Tirumarana Iyengar, H.Srinivasa Rao, and T. Krishnappa

6. The proceedings of the first day came to a close with a vote of thanks by Mr. S.N. Apparna Iyengar to Mr. F.R.W. Wetherall who acknowledged it in suitable terms and expressed his inability to preside at the proceedings of the next day.

7. The Conference met again on the 5th and Mr. Syed Amir Hussein, Retired Senior Assistant Commissioner and Legeslative Council Member, took the chair. The subjects on the agenda were next taken up for consideration. A list of the subjects discussed and the resolutions adopted by the Conference are given in appendix C.

8. The Hassan District Conference was the first of its kind. There have been Provincial Conferences but no District ones. Though the idea of holding one was supplied by me, it was almost entirely managed by the local people of Hassan with the hearty co-operation of Mr. F.R.W. Wetherall, Mr. S.N. Apparna Iyengar and Mr. (C) Rajagopala Chariar, the Amildar of Hassan. Apart from the educative effect of the Conference about which more will be said presently, the occasion was one of considerable activity and enthusiasm. The members of the Conference were treated with marked courtesy and heartiness by the Cattle Show Committee. Mr. F.R.W. Wetherall gave a tea party to them and to others on the afternoon of the 4th January 1913. The Hassan Ameteur Dramatic Society gave a special performance in honor of the members of the Conference.

9. I have in another connection spoken of the advantages of such Conferences. I shall therefore

now mention only the immediate results of the Hassan Conference. The enthusiasm of the people for co - operation was so great that a large number of the publ came forward with a request to be allowed to serve on Committees of Co-operative Societies and no less than about 60 villages in the Hassan District applied to have Co-operative Societies formed in them. I have already formed twenty-one societies and shall form the rest as opportunity arrives. I have enlisted also the help and interest of all the Government officers and of most of the influential gentlemen in the Hassan District.

10. Another result which I may briefly mention was the formation of a Federal Union at Hassan. This was formed for the purpose of financing, supervising, auditing and inspecting the societies in the Hassan and Arakalgud Taluks and the Alur Sub-Taluk. It has about ten individuals and an equal number of societies on its membership. It has just been formed and it is therefor premature to say anything regarding the nature of its work.

11. My hearty thanks are due to Mr. P.R.T. Wethe Deputy Commissioner, [illegible] Mr. S.N. Appanna Iyengar, Assistant Commissioner, Mr. V.S. C. Rajagopalachari Amildar, Mr. Syed Amir Hussein, Retired Assistant Commissioner, Mr. Kuddappa, Retired Forest officer, Mr. S. Venkatesiah, Advocate, Mr. T.D. Naranappa, Honorary Supervisor, the Amildars and the Assistant Commissioners in the Hassan District and a large number of private

gentlemen of Hassan who all contributed to the success of the Conference.

I have the honor to be ,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant ,

M. Nagaraja Rao.

REGISTRAR.

Appendix A.

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" In most countries, the Government are content with providing education, justice, freedom from interference and the like. But in Mysore, His Highness has gone much further and it is his earnest desire that the earning capacity of His Highness' subjects should improve along with their social and moral improvement. For this purpose he has recently established the Economic Conference the function of which is to study local conditions, compare them with conditions outside and suggest remedies for defects and means of improvement. Thus, questions relating to sanitary conditions, educational matters and economic principles come within the purview of the Conference. But what we are more particularly interested in here to-day is the agricultural and industrial condition of the country which forms the chief subject for the consideration of the Conference. Composed of both official and non-official members and helped in its task by District Conferences it is in an especially good position to undertake an investigation of the questio

There is no doubt that if the resources of our State are to be properly developed, every one of us has to put forth his best efforts. Without human effort and human energy no progress is possible, and means should therefore be adopted to ensure that such efforts and energies are employed to our best advantage. Now one of the best ways of achieving this end is by means of a co-operative Society. Just consider for a moment what are the advantages of a society of this kind. Most of us stand in need of credit. If we are rich, we may command it, but if we are poor, we cannot.

just the poor men. This then is the first benefit conferred by a co-operative society, that it supplies cheap credit. The second advantage is that it serves as a Savings Bank and attracts all the small savings of the locality. Thirdly, you can introduce the principle of co-operative combination in buying your requirements, thus ensuring genuine material and cheap prices. So also can you adopt the same principle in selling the produce which you raise--whether it is agricultural or industrial. This forms the fourth advantage. There are cases where out of the profits realised by a society, schools have been started, hospitals and dispensaries opened, clubs, libraries, reading rooms, recreation-grounds and the like established. This then may be mentioned as a fifth advantage to be derived from Co-operative Societies. I do not say you will realise all these benefits immediately, but they will come sooner or later---sooner, if you will help to develop the movement

These are some of the ideas which I would like you to consider. I will now mention to you what august support the movement has obtained. His Majesty the King Emperor, when he visited India recently, enjoined on us the necessity of our taking up co-operation seriously. So again you have often had instances of the keen interest which their Highnesses the Maharaja and the Yuvaraja take in the movement. The most recent instance---and one which will probably surprise you agreeably--is that when their Highnesses were on their recent tour, they happened to pass along Jakkanahalli which has a small co-operative society and they were graciously pleased to stop and make enquiries about its progress.

It is now my duty to exhort you to follow their

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advice and improve yourselves by establishing co-operative societies. There already are about [illegible] societies in the Barsa District but there is ample room for very many more. This Conference will, I think, help you materially in your progress. Barsa was chosen for holding the first District Co-operative Conference because the District comes first in respect of the number of the societies and it contains an unusually large number of patriotic, public spirited gentlemen. Further you are fortunate in having as your Collector, Assistant Commissioners and other officers men who are sympathetic to the people and anxious for their welfare. You know this quite as well as I do and I will only add that all that is best and most praiseworthy in them is typified in your Deputy Commissioner Mr. Motherall. He has been long here and knows the District and the local needs thoroughly. I have therefore great pleasure in asking him to open this Conference."

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Mr. Narayan Ayangar and Gentlemen,

I feel highly honoured on this occasion at being asked to open the Hassan District Co-operative Conference to-day. I understand that this will be the first District Co-operative Conference in the Mysore State, and Hassan should therefore feel proud in having been given this prominence in the development of Co-operative movement in the State, which is being so ably popularised by Mr. M.A. Narayan Ayangar the Registrar of Co-operative Societies in Mysore. It is particularly fortunate that Mr. Narayan Ayangar has previously worked as an Assistant Commissioner in this District for a considerable period during which he was in turn Treasury Assistant Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner in charge of each of the two sub-divisions and as such he is well acquainted with the people in every taluk. They should therefore heartily welcome his presence here to-day and eagerly look forward to his teaching and advice during the present Conference.

The Co-operative movement in this District may be said to have commenced in 1906, in which year the first Society was registered Viz., the Agricultural and Industrial Co-operative Society at Hole-Narasipur, which was organised by Mr. M. Sampath Iyengar, the able and energetic Superintendent of the Industrial School of weaving and carpentry at that place. This was followed by the Hassan Central Co-operative Society registered in the year 1908. Thereafter progress of the movement was slow. But in the years 1911 and 1912 many additional societies have come into existence (particularly in the Hassan Taluk in which there are now 16 Societies)

so that the movement has spread to every taluk of the District and the total number of societies is now 51, of which 8 are limited and 43 are Unlimited Societies. When all the recently registered societies are brought into working order the total number of working societies will be the largest as compared with any other District of the Mysore State and the members of these societies now number more than 1,200. Ten of these societies have borrowed money from the Bangalore Central Co-operative Bank, Limited., aggregating to Rs.25,375/-. Instalments of loans and interest are reported to have been paid very regularly and that there is not a single instance of default. The paid up capital of all the working societies in the District aggregates to Rs.18,191-12-11, the Reserve Fund amounting to Rs.546-1

These results are indeed most encouraging, and the strong impetus of Co-operative movement in the District during the past two years is undoubtedly due to the wi selection and appointment of the Honorary Organizer (Mr. H.R. Srinivasa Rao, Retired Amildar) and Honorary Supervisors of Co-operative Societies including Retired Taluk Shirestedars Messrs. H.D. Karanappa, L. Jeevan Ra K. Srinivasa Rao and K. Ramanna. The efforts of these gentlemen, combined with their intimate knowledge of th people have mostly contributed to the improvement. An now that an Inspector of Co-operative Societies (Mr. H.S. Surappa, B.A.,) has been appointed for this Distri to supervise the working of these societies, and to encourage the formation of others, still further improvement may be well expected.

Experience has taught us that for the successful

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introduction of anything in the way of an innovation among the people, it must necessarily be started by Government officers. But however much this innovation may be for the benefit of the people themselves, it is looked upon with suspicion by ignorant classes who cannot gauge its advantages and effect. They frequently persist in searching for some ulterior object or motive on the part of Government authorities in their efforts while no such motive actually exists. It is the educated and influential non-official element who can by their own efforts and participation in the innovation, dispel from the minds of the ignorant classes any misgivings which may exist. For this purpose the selection of retired Government Officers and officials and other influential gentlemen who are themselves landholders is most beneficial, as they are most likely to be interested in an innovation such as the Co-operative movement. And these are undoubtedly the best connecting links between Government authorities and the uneducated classes. It is this policy which has more recently been worked in this District with satisfactory results.

During the deliberations of this Conference the advantages of co-operative societies, and how they are to be worked will be made plain to all; and I feel sure that the energetic efforts of Mr. M.A. Narayan Ayangar and his colleagues at this Conference will have a lasting effect.

With these observations, gentlemen, I now declare the opening of the Tanjore District Co-operative Conference

Sd/- P.R.W. Wetherall,
Deputy Commissioner.

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Resolutions arrived at by the delegates of Co-operative Societies in the Hassan District at the First Hassan District Co-operative Conference held in Hassan on the 4th and 5th January 1913.

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1. That a village Co-operative Society is the most potent means of improving the social, moral and economic condition of its members, as by substituting united action in place of their present individual helplessness in respect of capital, and of the system of production and distribution, it increases their earning capacity; improves their method of pursuing their daily occupation and gives greater room for the display of intelligence, skill and powers of initiative.

II. That every Co-operative Society should keep a complete and up-to-date set of the Regulation, rules, notifications and bye-laws governing it and that these should be explained to the members from time to time.

III. That the registers, accounts and forms in use in Co-operative Societies should be uniform and that for this purpose all the Societies in the Hassan District should use the printed books available at the office of the Registrar.

IV. Government have exempted the Co-operative Societi from the payment of stamp and registration fees, granted powers to the Registrar to adjudicate disputes between a society and its member, permitted societies to send their moneys to other societies by Remittance Transfer Receipts and have given the societies the benefit of free audit by Government officers. These concessions are very liberal and there is no necessity just now to

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ask the Government for more concessions.

V. That unlimited liability is the best kind of liability suited to village Co-operative Societies, as it - awakens a keen sense of responsibility, unanimity, watchfulness and comradeship on the part of its members, thus ensuring good management of the society and a ready means of obtaining credit on the joint and several liability of the members of the society.

VI. That the success or the failure of a Co-operative Society depends largely on the degree to which its - panchayets bring their skill, honesty, business capacity and public spirit to bear upon the working of the society and that to direct these qualities into the proper channels, some preliminary training of the Panchayets is necessary and that if 15 or 20 persons of a village express a willingness to undergo a training in the work and duties of the Panchayet the Registrar should arrange to give them proper training in the principles and practice of Co-operation.

VII. That rural societies should raise the funds required for their purposes mostly by means of deposits - from the inhabitants of ~~this~~ the area of their operations, supplementing this amount when necessary by loans from Central Banks.

VIII. That by working the Societies successfully every Co-operative Society should try to ~~ensure~~ secure the confidence of the public and by giving slightly higher rates of interest, should induce them to deposit their savings the Society in preference to the Government or Postal Savings Banks

IX. That to achieve the end mentioned above, every Society in this District should adopt the deposit rul framed by the Registrar and offer favorable rates of interest to depositors to induce them to deposit thei

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money in Co-operative Societies.

X. That the existing rates of interest charged by the money-lenders in the Hassan District are very high and to bring them down, Co-operative Societies should be - established in suitable places and the ryots accommodated with the loans they need at a very favorable rate of - interest. After the societies grow to some stability the local rates of interest would automatically get - reduced.

XI. That the employees in the coffee estates are in need of ~~Coffee Estates~~ Cooperative Societies not only to provide them with small loans when they require them but also to take charge of their earnings, that owners of these estates should interc themselves in improving their condition and that the - Registrar be requested to frame a set of bye-laws applicable to these Societies.

XII. That to produce uniformity of principles, managemer and general working and for purposes of finance, organizati inspection and control it is necessary that ~~every six or ten~~ Societies in every Taluq should group themselves into a Central Unior and that such a Federal Union should at first be started for Societies in the Hassan Taluk and the Alur Sub-Taluks.

XIII. That every Co-operative Society should subscribe for the Co-operative Bulletin which has been arranged to be published monthly at Bangalore and that the Bulletin should be furnished with information of general public - interest such as articles on Co-operative subjects, repori and proceedings of General Meetings etc.,.

XIV. That the following villages in each of the Taluks of the Hassan District are suitable for the ~~promotion~~ formation of Co-operative Societies and that the Registrar of Co-operai

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Societies should be requested to arrange for the organization of societies in these places.

H a s s a n T a l u k.

(1) Markuli
(2) Jakkanahalli
(3) Doddakanagal
(4) Melahalli.
(5) Singapura
(6) Ambuga
(7) Honnavara
(8) Banahalli
(9) Shettihalli
(10) Dodda Aladahalli

C h e n n a r a y a p a t n a Taluk.

(1) Janivara
(2) Dingaduru
(3) Chilenahalli
(4) Sagathavalli
(5) Katrighatta
(6) Yeliyuru
(7) Baraguru
(8) Bagur
(9) Hargur Shivara
(10) Didaga
(11) Hiresave
(12) Hindalahalli
(13) Balaganchi
(14) Malligbatta

A r a k a l g u d Taluk.

(1) Konanur
(2) Mallipatna
(3) Kirlapura
(4) Hulikal
(5) Morur
(6) Musuvatur.

M a n j a r a b a d Taluk.

(1) Hebburu
(2) Ucchangi
(3) Belluru
(4) Yeslur
(5) Vaduru

B e l u r Taluk.

(1) Arehalli
(2) Haleibid
(3) Shanivara Sante
(4) Kodi-halli
(5) Adaguru
(6) Handaralu
(7) Bikkodu

A r a s i k e r e Taluk

(1) Javagal
(2) Arasikere
(3) Gandasi
(4) Neralige
(5) Kenkere
(6) Haranahalli
(7) Bagadi
(8) Kittanakere
(9) Hire Sadanhalli.

Hole-Narasipur Taluk.

(1) Halli Mysore
(2) Mavanuru
(3) Gunji
(4) Kannambadi

A l u r Sub-Taluk.

(1) Bharatapur
(2) Ponnathapura

Total Number of villages 57

XV. That the Amildars of the several Taluks in the Hassan District should select suitable men who are energetic and enthusiastic and willing to work as Honorary Supervisors in each of the Taluks and report their names to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies for necessary action.

XVI. That the advantages and usefulness of Co-operative Societies should be repeatedly explained to the villagers in order to show them a way to improve their economic condition. Such villages as are anxious to know about Co-operation may apply to the Registrar to arrange for lectures on Co-operation.

XVII. That the Hassan District Conference be made an annual function as it stimulates Co-operative activity in the District and that it should meet at the time of the annual cattle show at Hassan.

M.A. Narayanaswamy

Registrar, Co-operative Societies in Mysore.

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Signed by W L Nevill

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